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1. The First Middle School, and the office building at Tsaoyinhsiung (早慈香), near Sian (108-34, 34-16), which was formerly occupied by Nationalist military units, are being used as arsenals. The arsenal at the school is repairing approximately 600 rifles and machine-guns and producing about 40,000 rounds of small arms ammunition monthly. The other arsenal is producing small shells.
2. Chinese Communist authorities in Kiangsi are excavating a tunnel for the construction of an arsenal at the base of Fenglingt'ou (楓嶺頭) Mountain in Shangjao (117-54, 28-26). Since early December 10,000 coolies have been employed on the project.

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